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SUMMARY: NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INQUIRED ABOUT MECHANICS
AND POLICY OUR PL-480 PROGRAM WITHOUT MAKING CLEAR WHY IT ASKS.
POSSIBILITY EXISTS NIGERIA MAY REQUEST PL-480 OR BARTER ON OWN
ACCOUNT OR IN ECOWAS CONTEXT. END SUMMARY

1. MEA SUMMONED AMBASSADOR WITHOUT NOTICE AND GAVE HIM QUESTIONS

ON PL-480: DEFINITION, TERMS, COMMODITIES INVOLVED MECHANICS, CONDITIONS, CURRENT RECIPIENTS, WHETHER COMMODITIES CAN BE PROCESSED INTO FOOD PRODUCTS AND/OR USED AS ANIMAL FEED. ALSO ASKED WHETHER ANY QUOTE OIL-RICH UNQUOTE COUNTRIES ARE RECIPIENTS AND WHETHER PL-480 COMMODITIES AVAILABLE THROUGH BARTER.

2. ACTING ECON CHIEF AND AGATT LAST WEEK MET WITH MEA ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT HEAD AFOLABI TO LEAVE INFORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSES THEIR QUESTIONS. RESPONSES GENERAL AND PROVIDED EXAMPLES OF PL-480 PROGRAMS AND RECIPIENTS RATHER THAN COMPLETE DETAILS.

3. AMBASSADOR AFOLABI MAINTAINED THAT MEA ONLY SEEKING INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE GUIDANCE FOR NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION IN ECOWAS (THE NASCENT WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY), IMPLYING THAT NIGERIA MIGHT EVENTUALLY DEVELOP SOME TYPE OF AID PROGRAM FOR NEEDY NEIGHBORS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO WONDERED ALOUD IN BANTERING VEIN WHETHER NIGERIA COULD QUALIFY FOR PL-480. EMBOFFS OPINED THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT BUT REMAINED NONCOMMITAL, SAYING WE NOT RPT NOT FAMILIAR WITH CURRENT POLICY IN DETAIL. DURING CONVERSATION AFOLABI ALSO VOICED DISAGREEMENT WITH U.S. FOOD POLICY IN NORTH-SOUTH CONTEXT, WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, AND COM-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARED OUR OVERALL AID EFFORT UNFAVORABLY WITH SWEDEN'S CITING AID/GNP RATIOS.

4. TOWARD CLOSE EMBOFFS NOTED THAT PL-480 NOT OUR ONLY FOOD PROGRAM AND MENTIONED USDA'S BARTER PROGRAM, HANDLING OVER ON REQUEST AGATT'S ONLY COPY USDA BARTER BROCHURE, 1970 EDITION. IN CLOSING WE OFFERED OBTAIN MORE DETAILS OUR FOOD PROGRAMS IF DESIRED.

5. COMMENT: UNABLE DISCERN WHETHER FMG INTENDS REQUEST PL-480 OR BARTER. IT HAS BOTH FOOD AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEFICITS AND ONLY COMMODITY NOT RPT NOT IN SHORT SUPPLY HERE IS CRUDE OIL, BUT THAT NOT RPT NOT UNLIMITED. ECOWAS ANGLE PLAUSIBLE IN THAT ECOWAS HOLDING COMMITTEE AND MINISTERIAL MEETING HERE THIS MONTH BUT WE DO NOT SEE HOW NIGERIA COULD SUPPLY NEIGHBORS WITH FOOD UNLESS IT IS OBTAINED ELSEWHERE FOR OIL. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT REVIEW ON CONTINGENCY BASIS POSSIBILITIES OF PL-480 OR BARTER FOR CRUDE OIL. IF DEFINITE POLICY EXISTS FOR COUNTRIES LIKE NIGERIA UNDER EITHER PROGRAM PLEASE ADVISE. STOCKHOLM REFTTEL REPORTED THAT NIGERIANS TALKING TO SWEDES ABOUT SOME SORT OF EXCHANGE OF OIL FOR SWEDISH GOODS (POSSIBLY LNG TANKERS) AND

TECHNOLOGY BUT NO RPT NO DETAILS AVAILABLE.

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